CHAPTER III

THE "BOUNTY" AND THE "DUFF"

THE whole of the first district out of Papeete, Arue, has for its sea-coast a bay, called by the first comers Matavai, which is perhaps the most historic and interesting in Tahiti. It was discovered by Captain Wallis in 1767, visited by Cook in 1769, the anchorage of Captain Bligh with the *Bounty* for six months in 1788, and of others subsequently until Captain Wilson, who brought the first missionaries in 1797 in that historic ship the *Duff.* Almost exactly twenty years later, still completely unchanged in appearance, Matavai saw the arrival of William Ellis of the London Missionary Society, whose book,